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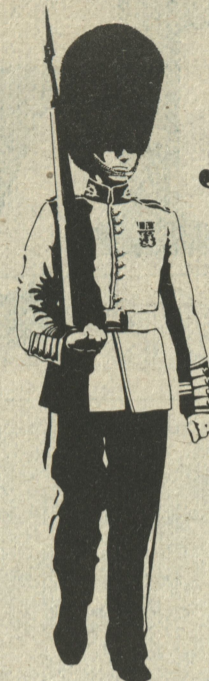


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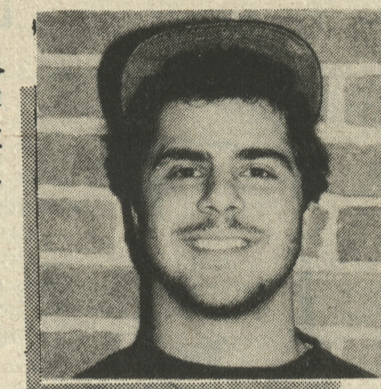
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A Gull's Eye View

By Cheri Webster

Have you ever seen a ghost?

Frank Vintz
No, I have never encountered
an experience with a ghost.
But, I'm not denying their
existence.



Cheri Persico
My family has had a couple
of unexplainable encounters
at my mother's house, which
we believe to be haunted. I'm
used to things that go "bump"
in the night.



Barbara Klevans
Personally, I've never had any
encounters with ghosts, but
I believe they may exist.



Mike Poulard
No, I can't say that I have. I
can't say that I would like to
either. However, I guess that
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Proposed Housing Finally Acceptable

Tomorrow, the compromise housing policy will be presented at an open meeting. Student and Housing representatives met recently after issues were raised concerning Housing's previous proposals. For a change, we believe that all residents should come out to favor these proposals and their method of implementation.

The policy breaks down typical student problems into six categories: sleeping, sharing space, sharing possessions, guests, security and studying. Each of these topics is divided into the college's statement on the issue, a brief list of common problems that need to be discussed between roommates, possible points to consider when making an agreement and what to do if problems arise. Once roommates reach an agreement, they write down their conclusions and sign their personal contract.

The beauty of this proposal is the freedom it gives to each set of roommates. For example, residents can agree to a strict sleeping or studying arrangement, but due to other circumstances, allow blanket use of each other's possessions. This is only one of a number of possible solutions.

We at the *Flyer* feel that the contractual nature of the proposed policy puts in writing what conscientious residents did verbally; that is agree to certain restrictions which each expected the other to adhere to.

Housing maintains control over student problems by being able to point out specific violations as noted by the original roommate contract. The students, by forming their own contract, allow Housing to be a bit more relaxed when enforcing deviations from the agreement; they merely point out what the residents contracted to, and can be relieved from reciting "policy" ad nauseam. We're certain Housing had not considered this aspect, but they will probably agree with our conclusion.

This overview of what will be presented Thursday is quite brief. Residents will be informed of the changes next Fall with more detail. As for now, we urge concerned students to read the proposals and support the policy as written.

Letters To The Editor

Opposed To Use Of Housing Lottery

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in regards to the lottery system the Housing Department is proposing to use. It is of

my firm belief that this system is just another bad school policy that causes students more grief than it does good. I feel that seniors and juniors should not be included in this lottery plan. Upperclassmen are in the midst of their major requirements and don't need this extra headache.

A Disgusted Resident

A Message From Food Service Comm.

Muscular, thin, lean and shapely are adjectives often used to describe the healthy person, and lately, everyone is trying to fit these descriptions.

Think back to the times when friends, neighbors and relations were starting a diet, finishing a diet or wanting to start a diet. All had a goal to reach—to win the "inch war."

A person may not need to fight the "inch war" if he moderates his eating habits and counts more on food quality than quantity.

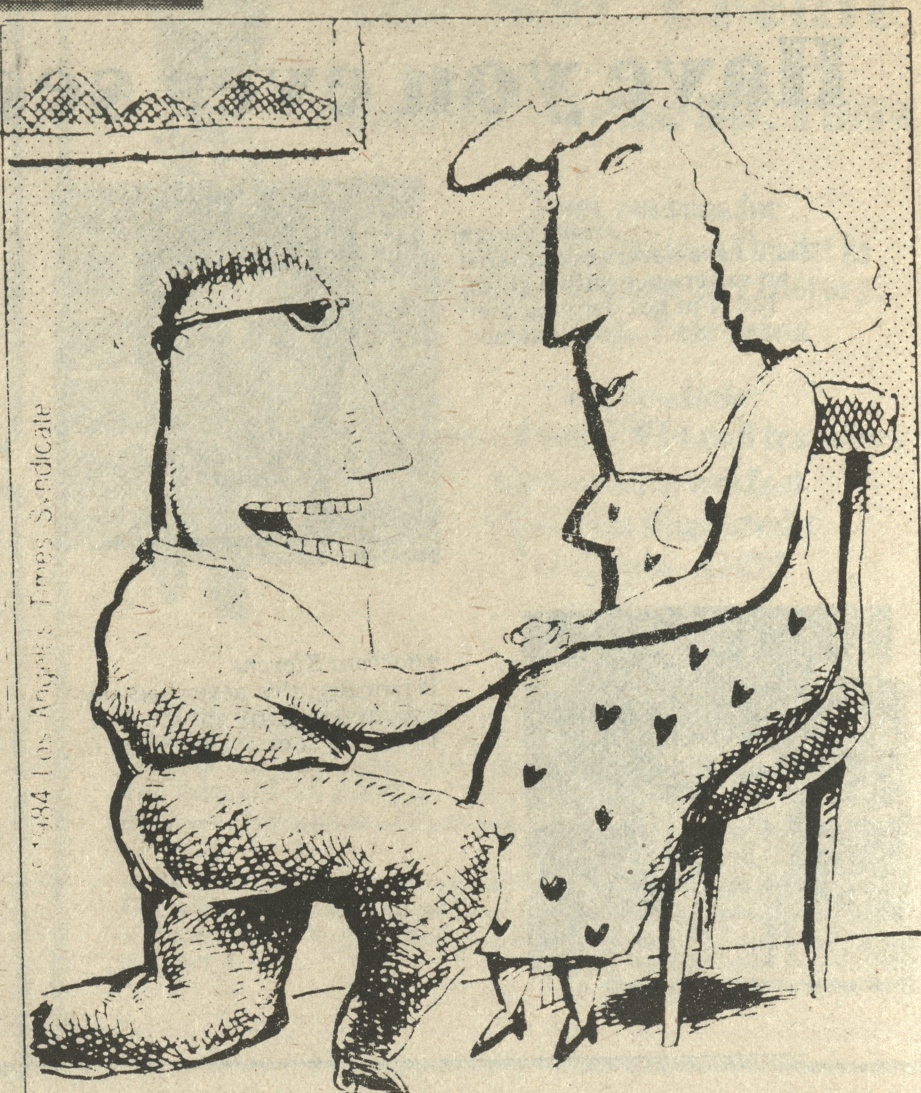
Here are some helpful hints:

1. Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables and less sugar—remember that soft drinks, processed foods and desserts contain sugar.
2. Reduce fat consumption, especially fat of animal origin.
3. Reduce cholesterol, sugar and salt intake.

Here are some more suggestions on how to keep in shape on the campus menu.

1. Don't skip any of the three daily meals, just eat smaller portions.
2. Do away with extras like whipped toppings, gravies and sauces.
3. Say no to the salt shaker. It only makes a person eat more salt than necessary.
4. Drink more water and cut down on soda and fruit-flavored punch drinks.
5. Don't eat between meals or after dinner.
6. Exercise to keep in shape, but don't over do it.
7. Drink skim milk instead of whole milk. Cut down on ice cream and use butter sparingly.
8. Eat slowly—never rush meals.
9. Contact your doctor before starting any diet or exercise program.

Summer is knocking at the door and it will soon be time to put on that lovely summer wear. Don't be found wanting. Watch the calories and stay in good shape. Happy nutrition month!



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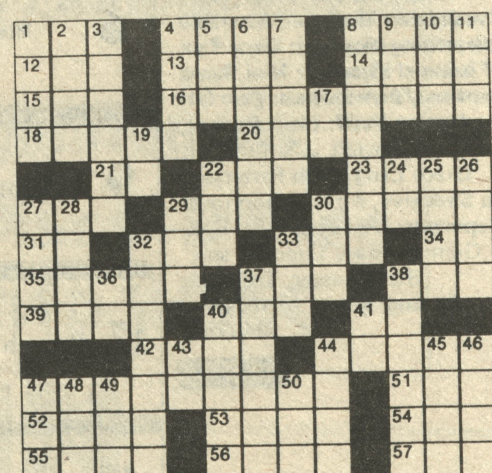
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Job Info

The Work Experience/Student Employment Office (WE/SEO) is handling part-time and summer off-campus employment. Job openings are posted on the bulletin board outside the WE/SEO which is located in the Physical Plant. If you need a typist, babysitter, someone to do yardwork or whatever, just call Lorraine Jaeger, ext. 6216.

American Future Systems will be interviewing on-campus for sales and marketing positions. You can earn \$2200/summer plus a possible three credits from Temple University. Interviews will be held in the Chesapeake Room in the College Center at 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. March 14, 15 and 16.

Juvenile Services Administration in Ocean City is looking for counselors. Ocean Pines has openings for lifeguards, gate attendants, marine deck attendants, etc. For more information, check the Off-Campus bulletin board.

Mug & Mallet of Ocean City will be holding open interviews on Monday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If interested, stop by the Nanticoke Room in the College Center.

Frito Lay will be hiring salespersons for the summer. Qualifications include a clean drivers license and some basic math skills. The job would go from May through Labor Day, working 40-50 hours/week. You will receive a salary of \$275/week plus a 5% commission on sales. If interested, pick up an application in the WE/SEO.

Outward Bound

What is Outward Bound? We're a non-profit educational organization, and every year we help over 10,000 people, mostly of college age, become stronger, more confident, and generous spirited human beings. That's a big job, and we're asking your help to continue it. Outward Bound admits students without regard to sex, race, and national or ethnic origin regardless of economic status, and about a third of our participants receive financial aid. Self-discovery and personal growth are developed through challenge in a wilderness environment, and in the last 22 years more than 110,000 students have gone through Outward Bound courses, many felt it made an important difference in their lives. For more information contact Nini Sante, *Flyer* office, Tawes 102.

Phonathon

The SSC Phonathon represents the second leg of the Annual Fund Drive coordinated through the Office of College Advancement. Our goal this year is \$20,000. With your volunteer support, we can attain that goal. We need 20 volunteers each evening. We hope each organization can participate during two sessions (preferably with five or more volunteers). At present, three evenings are already filled (April 9, 10 and 17). Please consider participating to help your school, feel good about yourself...and have a lot of fun in the process. Two interest meetings are scheduled, at which time we hope to finalize our schedule for the Phonathon, determining which groups will work which nights. Those interest meetings are Tuesday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the Nanticoke Room, and Wednesday, March 21, at 10 p.m., also in the Nanticoke Room. All groups will be required to sign a contract. If you have any questions and are unable to attend the interest meetings, please contact Gains Hawkins at 543-6030 or come to his office HH263.

Housing Meeting

A meeting to update students on the latest developments of the proposed guest policy will be held Thursday, March 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Caruthers Hall, room 102. All interested students are invited to attend.

Library Schedule

Blackwell Library Spring Break Schedule

Friday March 23 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday March 24-25 CLOSED
Monday-Friday March 26-30 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday March 31 CLOSED
Sunday April 1 6p.m.-midnight

Pi Gamma Mu Initiation

Pi Gamma Mu, the international social science honor society, will hold initiation ceremonies at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5 in the Holloway Hall Social Room. PGM requires junior, senior or graduate students to have at least 20 hours in the five core areas of history, political science, economics, sociology/anthropology and international relations, and have some other social science courses such as social psychology, criminal justice or geography. Members must have a B average (85 percent) and should be in the top 35 percent of their class. For additional information contact Dr. Charles Clark, Ms. Clara Small, Dr. G. Ray Thompson or the history department at 543-6245 by March 30.

B & E News

There will be a Business and Economic Society meeting March 22 at 3:30 in Caruthers Hall, room 122. New members are welcomed to attend. Clark Herring of Conoco Oil in Wilmington, Del. will speak on energy technology for this and the coming decade.

Now that you're in college you should consider establishing credit, and here is your opportunity. The Business and Economic Society is sponsoring a Sear's Credit Card Drive. Tables will be set up in the College Center Wednesday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Fill out your application now because today is the last day.

Piano Recital

Linda Essick Cockey, SSC instructor of music, will present a piano recital April 8, at 4 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. The program will include works by Bach (a keyboard concerto accompanied by a string ensemble with James Andrews, conductor), Schubert, Chopin and Ginastera. Cockey, a native of Pottstown, Penn., holds a Master's degree in music theory from Temple University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in piano performance from Lebanon Valley College. She also attended Bay View Conservatory of Music in Bay View, Mich., where she received a piano scholarship for two consecutive summers. Presently, she is a private piano student of the international concert pianist, Susan Starr. Cockey joined the SSC faculty in the fall of 1979. The program is open to the public without charge.

Stop Smoking Clinic

The American Cancer Society has announced the speakers for the upcoming Salisbury "stop smoking" clinic. The clinic is scheduled for March 26, 27, 28, 29 and April 2, 7-9 p.m. at the Salisbury Nursing Home In-service Room (Civic Avenue and Route 50) and is co-sponsored by the 7th Day Adventist Church. Scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, is Dr. Ralph Libby, a physician from Grasonville, who will speak on preventive medicine. Dr. Libby will have actual specimens of normal and abnormal lung tissue. Scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, is Dr. Robert McBrien, director of counseling services at SSC, who will speak on the psychological aspects of smoking and quitting. Scheduled for Monday, April 2, is Dr. Bernard Dormer, Salisbury oral and maxillo-facial surgeon, who will speak on smoking and its relationship to the oral cavity. The public is invited to attend any or all of the above-mentioned presentations without participating in the entire clinic. Those interested in registering for the clinic may call the American Cancer Society, 749-1624. There is a fee but registration is required. Please specify Salisbury clinic.

WSSC Is Back On The Air

WSSC, the campus radio station is back on the air. The student operated station can be heard Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on 73 AM and 107.5 cable FM. When WSSC is not on the air, the station is tuned to another local station, either WQHQ or WKHI.

Station format varies according to the disc jockey on the air, but WSSC plays a combination of rock, top 40, disco/dance, punk and new wave.

The station uses back dated records the station owns, records obtained through recording companies and the staff's personal collections. Few top albums are now available, but the station has ordered the current top 50 albums according to *Billboard* magazine.

Aside from regular station work, WSSC disc jockey Tony Broadbent entertains in the Gull's Nest and at campus dances, and Craig Fringer is available to do dorm floor parties. WSSC will also be spinning records at the Phoenix several weekends throughout the semester.

As a public service, WSSC will air announcements for on-campus organizations free of charge. Information should be sent to WSSC through inter-campus mail or dropped by the office in Tawes Hall.

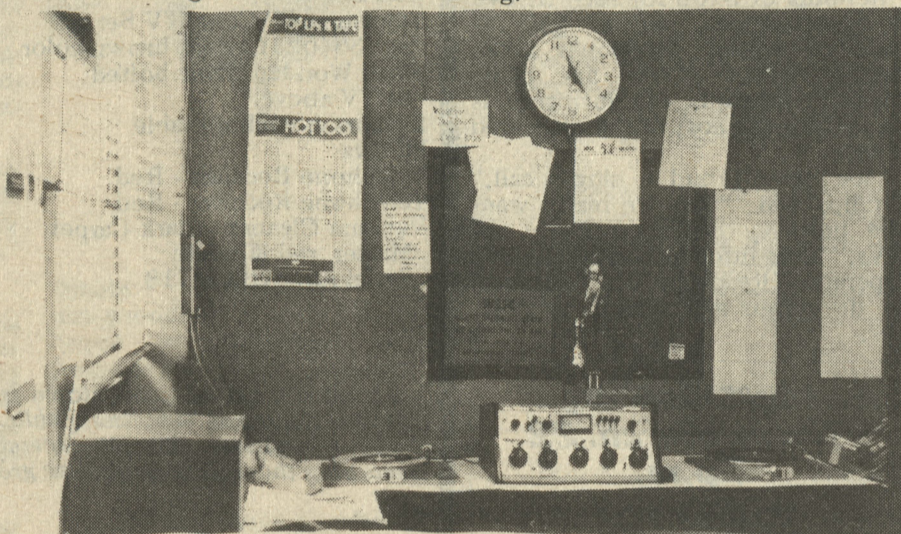
The station would like to expand into commercial advertising. Money obtained through the proposed increased activity fees would be used to buy cart machines, which would enable WSSC to sell commercial time and record the ads. Money earned would then be used to purchase technical equipment that could improve WSSC's sound.

Currently, Chesapeake Hall can't pick up WSSC.

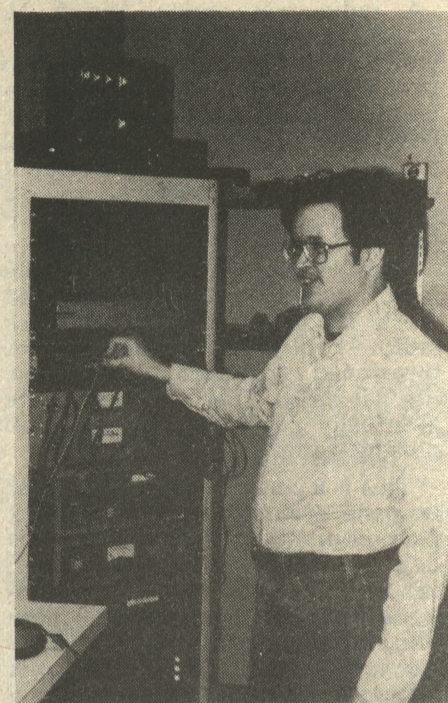
Despite the station's problems, the staff is looking forward to the

annual Derby Days activities sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, which will be held April 28 and 29 this year. A dance is also scheduled in Tawes Hall April 28th to go along with the dorm contests.

Anyone interested in working at WSSC should attend weekly staff meetings, held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the station in Tawes Hall. This semester's executive staff is Todd Gallen, general manager; Alis-on Duell, secretary-treasurer; Jeff Beahn, music director; Craig Fringer and Tony Broadbent, engineering.



The WSSC station before the disc jockeys bring it to life.



Tony Broadbent, in charge of engineering, works on one of the few pieces of sophisticated equipment WSSC owns.

After the Transition Year

Area Directors See Gains in Their Program

By Terri Tresp

Defining the role of an area director is difficult even for the three persons at SSC who hold that title. Being the middle man between administration and students is often frustrating, but Becky Clagett, Matt Hawes and Della Marshall have devised ways to balance their responsibilities, and the Residence Life office credits the new additions to the staff with some of the marked improvements in the campus environment.

The Housing and Residence Life offices initiated the area director program the Fall of 1982 hoping that live-in professionals could improve the quality of activities and services in the dorms. Housing officials believed directors would be better qualified than students to deal with problems.

In previous years, hall directors, which were undergraduate students, supervised resident assistants in specific dorms. According to Residence Life Director Barry King, his department wasn't satisfied with that arrangement because, through no fault of their own, students worked on a part-time basis and expressed "part-time commitment." Classwork and graduation were priorities.

So, Clagett, 25; Hawes, 25; and Marshall, 28, were hired in late summer 1982. Clagett supervises Manokin and Wicomico; Hawes oversees Nanticoke and Pocomoke and Marshall runs Choptank and Chester, while Chesapeake still operates under a hall director.

Clagett, of Hampstead, Md., is the only director with an educational background related to the job. She graduated from SSC in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in Biology, and she received her master's degree in Counseling and Student/Personnel Administration from Gannon University in Erie, Penn. She worked one semester as an RA and three semesters as hall director in Choptank at SSC and was an RA for two years in graduate school.

Marshall, of Philadelphia, Penn., graduated from Lincoln University in Oxford, Penn. with a bachelor's degree in Recreation. She went on to the University of Maryland where she received a master's degree in therapeutic recreation, which involves working with the handicapped. After two years as an RA at Lincoln and two years as a resident director at Maryland, she decided to seek similar work after graduate school.

Hawes, a 1980 graduate of Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., came to SSC gearing for the head wrestling coach position open at the time. A physical education major, Hawes always hoped to coach on the college level. He got the job, but decided it wasn't going to pay enough to live on and applied for the area director job.

Hawes taught school for a year and worked in public relations for a while before coming to Salisbury, and he said he has always enjoyed "dealing with people." "I was never an RA in school and I don't have a master's degree," Hawes said, "so, I guess I just lucked out."

Whether or not luck got him the job, Hawes takes his responsibilities seriously, as do the other directors. Hawes sees himself primarily as a "problem solver." If he or the RA can't deal with the problem then he acts as a referral service to other departments such as counseling or the health center.

Clagett said she views her role as "the key communicator between students and the administration," which includes departments like Public Safety or the Dean of Students. She said it is the directors' job to present and interpret college policy to students, as well as channel feedback from students to the administration.



Becky Clagett, Manokin and Wicomico area director.
photo by Cheri Webster

Marshall also said she acts as an interpreter of policy, but added that she often interprets it in terms of how she will enforce it with the students. "Most of the administrators have good intentions, but I know more about what's acceptable because I deal with the students directly."

But Marshall added, while she can be friends with students she has to draw "a fine line" in order to maintain authority.

The issue of students versus the administration creates problems for Clagett and Hawes, too. Clagett said she tries to respond to each situation individually. "I'll back my students 100 percent if I feel it's right."

As an example, when a Wicomico resident lost his housing, Clagett and the residence life staff helped locate a place to live and allowed him to remain on campus until he could move. They also convinced the boy's new landlord to let him move in without immediately paying rent since his housing refund would take several weeks to process. "We try to help as much as we can," said Clagett.

Hawes agreed that "being stuck in the middle" is a problem. If college policy is set, there is not much he can do, but he said if the problem is justified he will fight for the student. "I won't stick my neck out if I don't believe in the cause."

At first, it was difficult for the three to establish this authority and rapport with students and RAs. Hawes and Clagett said their job was easier with students because mostly freshmen live in their dorms.

"They didn't know any different, so they generally accepted me," Clagett said. She tries to stay visible to students by making daily dorm tours and by keeping office hours. Though she had reservations

about running a boys' dorm, she said, "They've never been outwardly disrespectful and I think that says a lot for them."

Hawes said students used to scatter if they saw him coming. "I hated that feeling, but now it's much better. 'I'm more accepted and respected because I have authority, but I think I'm more than fair and the students see that.'"



Matt Hawes, Nanticoke and Pocomoke area director.
photo by Cheri Webster

Marshall, by contrast, supervises mainly upperclassmen, and she found many are unwilling to cooperate because they're more independent. "I'm challenged a lot more," she said.

There were more problems with RA acceptance. "A lot of them were really opposed to reporting to us," Hawes said, "but, I just tried to come across in a positive way."

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Ghastly Ghoul Haunts Holloway Hall

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By Kris Nystrom

Ghosts have long been a predominant fantasy of the human mind. Folklore and literature have entertained us with horrifying tales of creatures lurking behind the door, in the dark, musty attic or in that strange old house back in the woods. Movies about ghosts are great excuses for couples to cling to one another on their first date, and later on when they don't want to climb into bed alone. Things that go bump in the night often keep us riveted in our seat, determined not to look at anything but the flames in the fireplace. There's no such thing as a ghost, right? All those stories, they belong to the land of make-believe. Everything can be explained rationally. It's the wind. It's the cat. It's probably some sort of natural phenomena. We console ourselves with these thoughts, because there's just no truth to the tale.

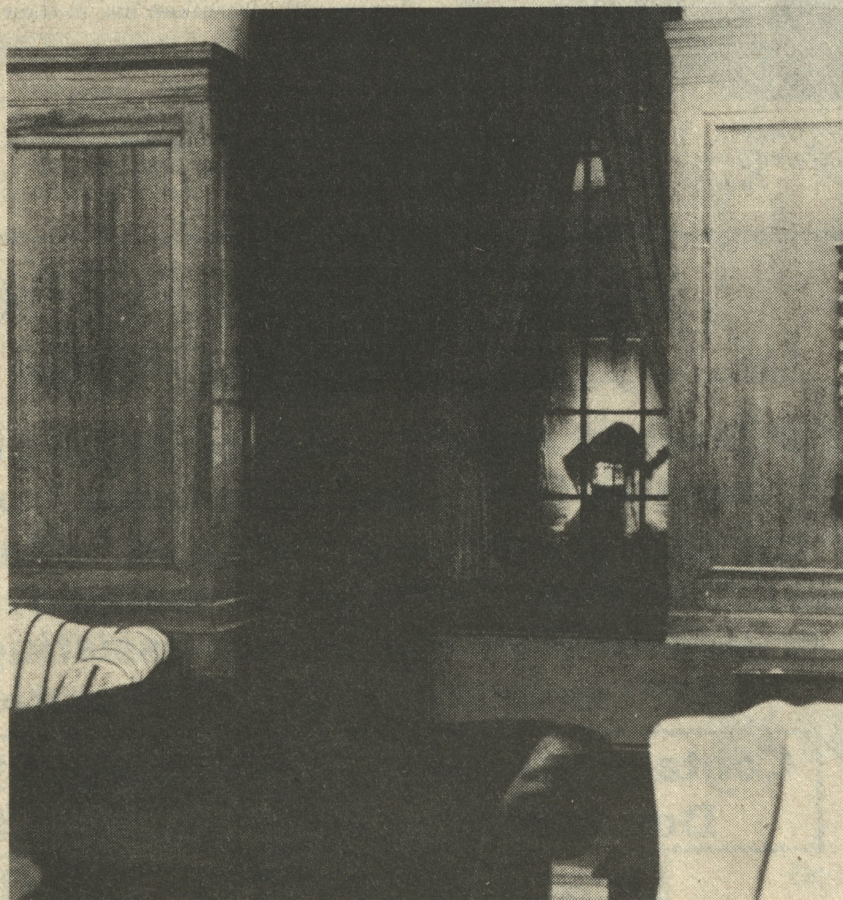
When you turn out the light tonight, lay back under the covers with your arms crossed over your chest and eyes tight, and the wind howls through the leafless tree-branches scratching at the window and the heater comes on with a click in the other room, and the last book on the shelf without a bookend falls and the streetlamp shooting rays of light at the windowpane flickers, and your bedroom-door slowly creaks open, think about that. Remember that story you heard about the deranged psycho with one eye who murdered young girls with an axe and hung himself in the closet. Remember how his body was missing by the time the Sheriff got there, and how every ten years there is an unexplained murder usually written off as suicide. Think about it. There's no such thing as a ghost. They can't exist. There's nothing there. Think about it. Then, slowly, very slowly, open your eyes. Go ahead, do it.

I got the idea of doing this story after hearing a number of similar tales about a ghost residing at SSC from a variety of people. Although most of these people hadn't known each other's tales or each other for that matter, there were similarities in what they experienced. For example, the ghost has always been experienced in or near the Social Room of Holloway Hall, and two of the tales were identical. Most important, though, they were all told with great sincerity. That is, of course, my subjective opinion, but then so is the basis for this whole story.

The first tale was told to me by a couple of people. It is controversial because there is some doubt as to whether or not the setting of the scene could have ever occurred. As I have been told, coeds were occasionally allowed to hold slumber parties in the dining hall, which is now the Wildfowl Museum. I checked with Sylvia Bradley in the History department who is an expert in Salisbury State's history as to the validity of this. She told me that, to her knowledge, "no slumber parties were ever held in the dining room; it wouldn't have been allowed." I must side with her experience and expertise as to the validity of the tale, but since the tale came from more than one source, there is at least a slight possibility that it did occur.

All the girls layed their rolls out in a row across the floor of the dining hall. Early in the morning, about 3 a.m., when they were all asleep, they suddenly sat up like dominoes down the line. Each claimed to have felt some sort of cold draft or touch on the shoulder.

Now that may not be so much of a ghost story, but it enhances verification of the others.



The next tale is the typical kind of thing we expect of a ghost and was told to me by Robert Brem. He was in the hallway waiting for his mother, Elaine Patterson, who was working in the old Dean of Students' office which was where the Financial Aid offices are now.

I was sitting outside the old Dean of Students' office sometime between 4:30 and 5 in the afternoon. For some reason, I don't know, I looked over to the Social Room. There was always something about that room I didn't like. Just a strange feeling I had. The door-knob started turning, on its own. Then the door swung open. It paused just long enough for something to walk through, and then the doors slammed shut. I saw the door-knob turn back. I couldn't believe it. I just sat there.

It didn't bother me much, though. I've always had apprehensions about that room. There's just something about it I don't like.

I asked him if there were any other rooms on campus that he felt funny about, but this is the only one. This is also the only sort of experience he has encountered with unexplainable phenomena.



An actual sighting of the ghost was made by one of the students who roomed in the third floor of Holloway Hall when it was used for both classrooms and as a dormitory. He was coming in late at night when he had his experience, and was careful to point out that he was not drunk or stoned or impaired in any way.

I was getting ready to go upstairs in the stairwell closest to the Social Room when I felt this really weird feeling like I should look in the Social Room. I was somehow drawn to it. So I turned around and walked to it. The closer I walked towards it the more I felt like I shouldn't. I placed my head on the glass and it felt as my face were being pushed away—a real, strong force. The moon was out and there were these shafts of moonlight coming in that made all sorts of neat designs in the room. In a chair by a window there was this light glow. I looked at it for about a minute and I realized that it was a man with a pipe dressed twenty's style clothing.

Then I gave in to the impulse and ran like hell. I thought about it a lot later and tried to see if it was my imagination, but I had never felt anything like it before. I haven't felt anything like it since it either.



After hearing this tale, I was convinced that something was going on in that room. Ghost or no ghost, I believed in what they were saying. It was time for me to see for myself what secrets were hidden in this room from the past—to get the story from the horse's mouth as it were, or whatever the thing is.

I secured permission to spend a night in the Social Room alone, on the floor by the fire, from Joe Gilbert, vice president of administration. It was a Friday night and the sky was hazy. A cold wind forced its way through my clothing when I stepped on the front lawn leading

up to the mouth of Holloway, its tall pillars like great ivory teeth of some misplaced monster from Pokomo forest. The tower above waited eleven times when I opened the door as if I tore a hole in its wooden flesh. It slammed shut behind me.

In no time I had a comforting fire blazing before me. I was well prepared, or so I thought, for the night before me. I figured that if I was really going through with this, I ought to do everything I could to attract the ghost's attention. I brought with me articles that I thought might have had some sort of aura of death about them. I had

the rib-bone of a deer, the feather of a hawk and I wore a whale's tooth I found on Cape Cod around my neck. I don't really know why I chose them, it just seemed the thing to do.

I laid them out in front of me and stared at them for a long time. Something was missing. Then it hit me. I have all this junk supposedly to bring inhabitants of the unseen world to me, but nothing to protect me from it if it does. I thought about the concerned comrad of mine who knew of my venture and offered a Bible. I consoled myself with the hopes that it might be a Jewish ghost.

I laid back on my bedroll and turned to the third chapter of

Carlos Castaneda's book, *Tales of Power*. Maybe this is how Steven King or Poe got inspired. I continued reading the lines between the flickering light of the fire. Suddenly, a loud hiss like the breath of a slobbering beast pierced my ears. I looked for the sound, but it was overtone by the quickened beating of my heart. I soon found it in the fire. A pocket of sap bubbled out the end of a log. I echoed the noise with a sigh of mild relief and sat up for a moment to contemplate the destination of smoke.

Then, somewhere in the distance, the shrill scream of a dying girl split the air around me. It harrowed in my head for a long time, repeating over and over again. I slowly turned around and peered down the luminous hallway. A housekeeper strolled calmly by pushing his cart with a broken wheel. It wobbled back and forth, scraping the axil it was attached to.

I chuckled at myself for being so insensible. The chuckle raised to

quiet laughter as I thought of the scene I was making, creating so much out of so little—it was all in my head.

The laughter was abruptly choked when the back door rattled open. This is it, I thought. The door banged shut at the foyer, and whatever it was was working on the door to my room. Holy unprintable word. Those tales were true. The ghost was there, just beyond the glass doors. And now he was trying to get in. I hoped he wasn't mad.

I watched the door knob turn and the door swing wide with a screech. In stepped a tall man in a dark blue suit. He stared at me for a moment, silhouetted by the exit lamp, blocking my escape.

It took some elaborate explanations to convince the security officer of my ghost-hunt, thereby justifying my presence in the Social Room at such a late hour. But I was so elated with learning that he was my ghost in the foyer, I didn't mind giving it to him. I must say I felt a lot better knowing the campus police were there to check up on me the rest of the night, and sleep came much easier.

Who the ghost of Holloway Hall is, I cannot say for certain. I spoke with many of the college's long-time employees and got speculations ranging from Tawes, who was burned in effigy in 1959 or '60, to the statue of the Roman goddess Diana buried under the Holloway Hall stage, to old man Holloway himself. If there is indeed a ghost residing in the Social Room, I would guess that he is an old administrator or faculty member who failed to complete a work order before he died. This I can say for sure: the incomplete work-order haunts all of us, day and night.



SPORTS

Hoping For A Banner Year

Men's Baseball

By Rick Gilman

As the advent of Spring get closer and closer, one can be assured that baseball is not far away; and this year's men's baseball team has already begun its 1984 campaign. So far, the team has had to deal with uncooperative weather.

With only two graduating seniors after last year's 21-12 season, (which included a trip to the NCAA Division III Regionals), the outlook for this year's squad is optimistic. Head Coach Deane Deshon, who is also athletic director, has built a history of successful baseball teams with a 20 year career record of 321-233-5. Out of his 14 winning seasons, the last eight have been in a row.

The infield looks solid for the Gulls with five returning lettermen. First base will be held down by Jeff Brubaker and Alex Davis. Brubaker was the team's top powerhitter last year, leading the club with seven homeruns, while batting .319. Southpaw Alex Davis, who hit .303 as a freshman last season, adds the option of platooning with Brubaker, who bats right. Second base will belong to junior Jay Wilson, who hit .325 last year. The Gulls shortstop will be Brian Dunn, who led last year's team in hits (44), stolen bases (19), and batting average (.364). Co-captain Drew Gee, who missed last season because of a pre-season injury, will return to play third base. Freshmen Jeff Stokes and Steve Warwick, who both play multiple positions,

will add depth to the infield. Most of the catching will be done by Steve Libby and Steve Greenwood. Libby, a junior, should get the most starts, but sophomore Greenwood, who played well last year, will also deserve much action. Joe Hampton, another catcher, will be used primarily for designated hitter duties, along with Brubaker.

Co-captain John Massey, a product of Wicomico High, will return to the outfield after hitting .362 last season. Steve Caldwell, another .300 hitter (last year at .313), will also be in the outfield. The final starting spot in the outfield is between switch hitter Rex Campbell and Gerry Oravitz, a senior transfer from New Castle, De.

Most of this year's pitching will probably go to Steve Butler who was 6-4 a year ago with a 5.57 ERA. David Willis and Tim Peterson, who both had relief roles last year, will also return to the mound. Two freshmen, southpaw Craig Shreeves, another former Wicomico student, and Ted Peters should see action this year. Two players have converted to pitching also. David Hall, an infielder last year, will pitch along with Mike Sullivan, who was a catcher last season. Scott Seeman, another lefty rounds out the Gull's pitching staff.

"The success of this year's team will probably depend on how well our pitching comes through," said Deshon, adding "our staff has the potential to surprise a lot of people and if everything clicks, we should have a banner year."

Wheelchair Games Coming To SSC

For the third straight year, Salisbury State will host the Maryland Wheelchair Games. This year's games will be held on April 13th, 14th, and 15th.

All participants in these games are confined to a wheelchair. This event will feature track and field, swimming, slalom, weightlifting, table tennis, and archery activities. Between 200 and 300 wheelchair athletes from Maryland, as well as Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and even New York and Connecticut will compete in these games. If an athlete makes a qualifying time in his respective event, he will automatically go to the nationals.

The Wheelchair Games are

Volunteers needed! Please stop by Dr. Butler's office

sponsored by SSC, Salisbury's City Commission on Natural Resources, and also by private funding. Pepsi Cola is another large sponsor of these games.

Dr. Nelson Butler, one of the main coordinators of the games stated, "to conduct an event of this magnitude it requires a lot of people (all volunteers) working in a cooperative spirit." He asks the student body to come out and give a helping hand. Anyone interested in assisting during the games, please contact Dr. Nelson Butler at the Maggs athletic offices.

Dr. Butler emphasizes that to assist in a cause like this is always very rewarding. In addition, all volunteers receive a free Maryland Wheelchair Games T-shirt.



It's off to the races for the Gulls. The Gulls start a 10 game road trip, beginning March 21. photo by John Cuevo



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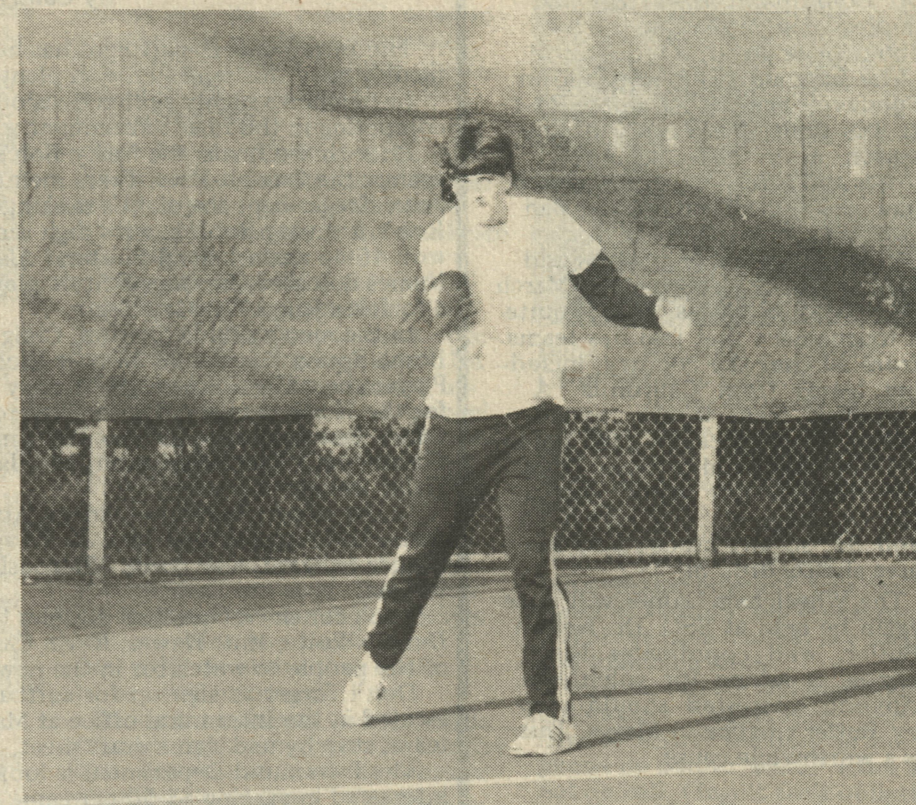
By Keith Rhine

Men's tennis finished up with a 15-9 record last year. Like any other year for Coach Burroughs, it was a successful year. Only losing one player from last year's squad, Burroughs once again expects a solid year from this squad.

Burroughs comments about his team as a very strong team. He states, "this team has a good chance of fairing well." Heading the team is team captain Rob Barnes. Rob was the number one player last year and again will fill that position. Last year Rob and his doubles partner set a record for most wins for a doubles team.

Following Rob on the team's ladder is, second seed Tom Porter, third seed Pete Hall, fourth seed Mike Horvitz, fifth seed Dan Miles. The first five positions are pretty well set with these five players. The sixth seed is up in the air, with Sean O'Malley and Jim Dixon currently fighting it out for this position. The double combinations haven't been set yet.

One thing Burroughs is concerned about is the lack of competition the team has faced so far this year.



Tom Porter, second seed on the team, concentrates hard on his return. photo by John Cuevo

As of March 16th, all of the Sea Gull's scrimmages have been canceled due to inclement weather.

The season opens March 23rd, when they face George Mason, a Division I school. This George Mason match opens up a week-long southern trip, during spring break. During that trip, the Gulls go up against three tough teams, Hampden-Sydney, Washington and Lee, and Lynchburg. All three of these teams were nationally ranked in Division III last year. Haverford is another tough Division III school, whom the Gulls face later in the season.

Burroughs feels this is a very competitive year. Besides playing those four schools, the Gulls play several Division I and II schools.

After spring break, the Gulls are home for three matches. They play UMES on April 3rd, the following day they play American, and on the 5th they go up against Glassboro State. April 6-7, the Gulls participate in the Tiger Classic.

Burroughs believes with many players returning from last year's squad, the Gulls will have a strong year. He hopes to surpass last year's record.

Women's Lacrosse Rebuilding Gradually

By Keith Rhine

The Women's Lacrosse team, coached by Karen Weaver, is slowly coming back to national contention. After a few years of disarray in the women's program, Weaver is slowly taking a group of women and developing them into a team ready to compete with anyone.

The problems started a few years ago when no one wanted to be a full-time coach for women's lacrosse. Recruiting became so bad, that when Weaver took over as coach, there was only a total of eleven women trying out. Weaver even mentioned, only seven of those girls were healthy. So instead of playing a full schedule, Weaver reduced the schedule to five games. The girls won three of those games to gain a berth to the state tournament.

Heading the team this year is co-captain Diane Richards, who made the All-State team last year. Mary Holmead, the other co-captain, is the first string center. Leading the defense is Janine Fraley. Taking care of the net is Kelly Williamson, who was also the goalie for field hockey.

Weaver comments her defense is the strong point of the team. The She-Gulls are going to use a player-player defense, with a lot of com-

munication taking place. Weaver does add the women must communicate to each other. Communication has been emphasized very much during practices.

First home game is against College of Notre Dame, April 7.

Their regular season starts March 31st against Hood at home. They did participate in the William & Mary Tournament this past weekend. However, all of these games were scrimmages, so these games had no effect on the regular season record. But Weaver feels this tournament was important because they went up against many tough schools.

This year's team is very young. Therefore, Weaver feels this team can only get better as the season progresses. However, she feels the She-Gulls are going to be able to continually improve each game to be successful.

Rhine's Line

By Keith Rhine

It looks like Salisbury may have another playoff-contending team. After playing three games, the laxers could be a very good possibility of a playoff team. I know it sounds like I'm jumping the gun, but this team outscored its opponents 50-16. They beat Lehigh, a Division I school, 18-7, and they followed up with an overwhelming 21-4 victory over Hampden-Sydney. On Sunday, they beat Denison 11-5. Of all the games, the Denison game was the toughest. Leading by 6-4 at halftime, SSC outscored Denison 5-1 in the second half to win the game.

The laxers have been impressive in all three games. What impressed me the most was that SSC was continually beating their opponents to the ball. Also, they showed a fine passing attack. Kevin McFarlen has shown good stuff in the nets.

I hope I didn't jinx this team by mentioning they could be play-

off bound, but their play did impress me. I had to write about these guys.

The baseball team won big on Sunday, beating Skidmore 23-4. It was their first victory of the season after suffering several losses and ties. A couple of games had been canceled due to bad weather.

Salisbury is hosting the World Indoor Hockey Tournament March 30 and 31 in Maggs. This is quite a tournament that features teams from all over the country, including teams from California. A Canadian team is also participating. Field Hockey Coach Karen Weaver even said a team from Switzerland may enter. Again, the tournament runs March 30 and 31, so any students in the area should drop in.

The Wheelchair Games will once again be held at SSC. Dr. Nelson Butler, who coordinates these games, is asking for volunteers. Anyone interested should stop by Butler's office in Maggs. This is a worthwhile cause.

Gull's Record Lacrosse Lacrosse Stands At 3-0



SSC is always near striking distance of the opposition's net.
photo by John Cuevo

Intramural Update

By Candy Edwards

The Intramural Department has been keeping many SSC students and faculty busy this semester with plenty of ongoing activities.

In the men's highly skilled division of 5-on-5 basketball, finalists are competing in the final tournament which began March 19. Prior to the finals, the Nasty Boh's won by a close margin of 44-42 against the One-oh-Foes. Team members Alex Sweetak, Cliff Moss, and John Kreger kept the night's rankings as top scorers for the Nasty Boh's. Rob's Running Rebel's, with high scorers Robert Oates and Mike Bryant, won 45-43 against the 6-Footers! Also in the Highly Skilled events, No Names defeated the Doggie Style players, 45-35, and F.W.D.C.S. won by a forfeit against The Gay Team.

In the men's skilled division, Craig Appler and Kevin Stoetzel helped Bomb Squad II score 38-36 over Rick Templeton's Wolfpack. Penthouse Players beat Dean Burroughs' Krispy Kremes by 46-39. A 45-32 victory for the Hustlers over US gave Howard Pusey something to rave about. Other winners included the Pap Smears 44-30 victory over Paul Zimmerman's Mass Confusion, and James Fraser's The Force beat The Third Reight.

In the women's division, Snack Attack's Maureen Foley played top scorer to bring the team to a 30-29 win over Fubars. Joanne Vandran, Ginger Howard, and Stella Mistrulous ranked top hoopsters for the Fubars.

Look for the racquetball doubles tournament in the works this week. Debbie Wolfe, Matt Hawes, Kevin Cassidy, and Ted Baines are just a few of the people to watch for in the news.

Don't forget to sign up for softball by April 3. Entry blanks are located in the Intramural office at Maggs Gym. If you do not have a team, stop by and sign a draft sheet.

The Intramural Department is looking for softball umpires. Anyone interested in earning \$3.50 per game can register for the clinic by April 2.

We would like to add a note of thanks and congratulations to all SSC students and faculty for their participation in the Skateland night. Look forward to more nights on wheels later in the semester.

It's Too Cold For Softball



But it is that time for softball. The She-Gulls' first home game is April 7.
photo by Al Wyllie

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Marshall said a lot of her RAs were used to working under their peers, the hall directors, and were not used to being held accountable for their jobs.

However, she added, this fall is different. The RAs are more cooperative, and they are showing more initiative and confidence in their routine duties and in emergencies. "I don't have to follow up on them as much," Marshall said. "What they've done is correct 95 percent of the time and that makes me feel good."

King said on the average the transition has been smooth and that there is evidence the program is beneficial. Since the area directors live on-campus, problems, such as roommate conflicts, are being identified and responded to earlier. The directors' nearness also gives the RAs more support, particularly during night incidents. RAs receive immediate help and don't have to consult the housing office during the day or wait for a housing official to return to campus at night if there is a problem.

King attributed improvements in maintenance efficiency to the directors because of their follow up work. Better enforcement of college policy has also resulted.

"The enforcement of policies has had an impact on the environment in the dorms," King said. "Damage rates are lower, there is less noise and the atmosphere is generally more conducive to academic achievement."

An increase in dorm programming has also been noted. King said in the 1981-82 year RAs only sponsored 52 programs. In 1982-83 they arranged 162, which included floor parties, dorm picnics and softball games.

Marshall said the increase is high because RAs are now required to plan at least three cultural, academic and social programs a semester. These must include lectures or educational films, as well as parties, to ensure variety.

Dan Keyser, 4th floor Choptank RA who was also an RA in Wicomico for a year, agreed there have been improvements in the residence life program.

"The area directors add more structure and organization to the system, which makes it more efficient," he said. Directors take a lot of the burden off the housing office, especially in terms of counseling. They also work well with maintenance, and they have increased the effectiveness of administrative judicial action.

However, Keyser feels the area directors are more administrative than student oriented. They set a lot of guidelines and call meetings that are often inconvenient to deal with situations that could be handled informally.

Basing his opinions on comments from students who have lived under him, Keyser said students consider directors "cold faces" that sent notes to inform them of campus policies and problems.

He added that the number of programs are focused in a better direction because there is more variety, more educational events, but Keyser said anytime there is a "no beer" event fewer students are interested.

"A certain amount of programming is required," Keyser said, "It's part of what RAs are graded on. There is always a core of people on each floor who back their RA, but for the most part there is a lack of college spirit that is hurting the RAs."



Della Marshall, Chester and Choptank area director.
photo courtesy of Marshall

Despite the successes of the program, Clagett, Hawes and Marshall agree there are disadvantages to living on-campus.

As Clagett said, "It's hard living with 18-year-olds. If you can organize yourself, you can stand it. Luckily, my immediate neighbors have learned my habits and tolerance levels."

Being on call certain nights also bothers her. Clagett said, "You have to answer the door or the phone no matter what." Even when not on call, Clagett feels obligated to respond to calls in case there's an emergency.

Marshall said being on call "24 hours a day" and getting "constant interruptions" is nerve-racking.

"You need to get away from campus once in a while, make new contacts." Working with the Genesis Hotline and the local Planned Parenthood program gives Marshall those needed breaks.

Hawes said the dorm atmosphere is different than a normal apartment. "You have to try and set an atmosphere for yourself, but sometimes it's tough to control stress."

Clagett and Hawes, though, won't have to live with the interruptions, noise and problems much longer. Clagett is leaving SSC next January, and Hawes is leaving at the end of this semester to pursue a master's degree in Education and College Student Personnel.

Marshall said one of the reasons she wanted this job was to help develop the new program and make it viable. All three directors have contributed to the relatively smooth adoption of the new system, learning to juggle student needs with administrative requirements and friendships with job responsibilities along the way. Through their efforts an area director or may be just a little better understood.

Summer School in London

This summer (June 15-June 30) SSC will sponsor another London tour. Courses to be offered include:
English 300 Studies in English: Contemporary British Theatre Erskine
English 301 Studies in English: Contemporary British Film & Television Welsh
English 490* Topics in English: British Mass Media Welsh
Art 399 European Field Study Ehrhardt
History 399 International Field Study: British History Bradley

*for graduate credit
All undergraduate students will be required to register for two of the five courses listed above.

The cost to in-state undergraduate students is \$1215, which includes tuition for two courses, round trip air fare (Capital Airlines) Baltimore/Washington International-London, fourteen nights (with continental breakfast) at the Embassy Hotel, round trip bus accommodations Salisbury-BWI, and transfers airport-hotel.

There will also be the following options: a four-day, three-night tour to Scotland for approximately \$200 and one-day bus tours to Salisbury, Stratford, Windsor Castle, and Canterbury (\$15-\$20 each). In addition, there will be activities (art galleries, plays, museums, and general sight-seeing) scheduled for every day. Students may participate in as many of these options as they wish. Students will attend the activities (plays, art galleries, BBC tour, historical sites) associated with the courses they select.

There will be meetings on campus June 13-15 prior to our departure in late afternoon of the 15th. After we return, faculty will be available to discuss the papers that will be written in the courses. (There will be no quizzes or finals.) All the work should be completed by July 20, the end of summer school.

A deposit of \$100 is due by April 2, the first day after vacation. The check should be made payable to Hall's Tidewater Travel and should be brought to the English Department Office, 349 Holloway Hall. The remainder of the travel funds-\$835-is due by April 16. Tuition of \$280 for the two courses should be paid no later than June 11, the first day of summer school. Students who are seriously interested in going should make arrangements to get their passports immediately. Passport Applications are available at the County Clerk's office in the old City building downtown (approximate cost: \$40.00, plus \$7.00 or so for a passport photo; but it takes time to process the applications).

Organizational meetings will be held March 21 and 22 in Caruthers Hall 118 at 4:30 p.m. If you have questions and/or can't attend one of the meetings, please call Dr. Erskine (543-6444 or at home: 742-1895) or stop by at the English Department Office.

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Fraternities and Sororities Alive and Well

By Ted Palik

What you saw about fraternities in *Animal House* was only partly correct. There is plenty of Bluto to go around, but fraternities do more than get drunk and gulp jello. Well, they're supposed to do more than that.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon at SSC is a national fraternity with over 185 chapters nationwide. SAE also has chapters at Towson and College Park. Its purpose is to promote Greek life and organize events for the campus and community. It has raised money for charities including Easter Seals and Muscular Dystrophy and is involved in intramurals and campus activities such as Homecoming and Christmas carolling. SAE is doing well in the one sense since they have won the homecoming float competition seven out of the last eight years.

SAE is the largest national fraternity. Members can meet people from other colleges in the area. SAE is affiliated with the Little Sisters of Minerva. Together, the groups put on dances in Tawes and raise money for charities. Both organizations deal with problems including limited administrative support and that persistent problem, lack of student involvement.

For those interested in joining SAE, there will be an open Rush party at the end of the semester to promote the fraternity. SAE president Jon Wall and vice president John Batzer will be ecstatic to see new faces at the party.

Two other fraternities are pledging hopeful new members again this Spring. J.J. Walker, president of Kappa Alpha Psi, said pledging is serious and an important procedure in the fraternity.

"It's a serious business. Pledging takes as much of a toll on me and the fraternity members as it does on the pledges," he said. The president's job is to make sure the pledges attend class and maintain their grades. The pledges are watched and cannot go astray. "I've got my hands full," Walker said.

Kappa Alpha Psi is a community service fraternity which stresses leadership and achievement. Walker said the pledges for KAP are trained for leadership.

Omega Psi Phi fraternity is also recruiting and pledging new members this Spring. Omega president Tony Colfield said Omega stresses

perseverance and scholarship. He said Omega's form of pledging is strict because it wants to seek out those who are serious about joining the fraternity.

Omega sponsors an achievement week for high school students which consists of a talent show and an essay writing contest. The winners receive grant scholarships from Omega. Colfield also said that during the last week of the pledge period, Omega puts on a show in the College Center, which is a kind of celebration signifying the approach of the pledges' initiation into the fraternity.



J.J. Walker, president, and new initiates of Kappa Alpha Psi. photo by Al Wyllie

On the other side of Greek life are sororities. Zeta Tau Alpha sorority sponsors several campus activities including Derby Days, Christmas carolling, Homecoming and fund-raisers. It organizes a test anxiety program, success seminars, works drop/add and sponsors dances.

ZTA stresses leadership and office respon-

sibilities, scholarship and having fun. It also gets involved with the community, chiefly the Holly Center and local nursing homes.

ZTA co-president Vickie Pierce and Melissa Lamont say they are having problems recruiting mainly because of lack of interest, SSC's small campus and stereotypical attitudes about sororities. Another problem they say is that people think sororities are too time-consuming but Pierce and Lamont say that is not true.

Alpha Sigma Tau is a national sorority and the Beta Mu chapter of SSC was founded in November 1978.

Its purpose is to enrich the personal growth of each member and develop responsibility and commitment among the members through various projects, activities and presentations. Spring informal rush for AST has ended for the semester but the search for new members has not.

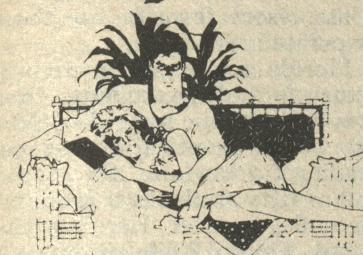
AST president is Ranelle Harris and vice president is Cathy Bounds. Women interested in AST can contact Debra MacMinn, sorority faculty advisor, in the Financial Aid office on campus.

Delta Sigma Theta, another service oriented sorority, concentrates on the community, especially nursing homes and parties for local children. It stresses leadership and academics and its motto is "knowledge is the torch of wisdom."

DST does not accept freshman pledges and requires some type of leadership and community experience from pledges. Pledging is a four to six week period where prospective new members learn about the sorority and its history. Lynise DeVance of DST said pledging is a time to prove to the established members that the pledges are capable and worth of membership. She compared the pledges as players trying out for a team, with the members acting as coaches. "They are proving that they can make the team," DeVance said. "We, as members, see if the pledges are good enough for the team."

Fraternities and sororities are alive and well at SSC. Some may be better off than others but they all do essentially the same things: serve the campus and community and have fun at the same time.

The College Reader



Kris A. Nystrom

I love election year. It is the most fantastical real-life soap opera produced on prime time television. Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and Tom Brockaw interpret the battles for us, and the newspapers pick the winners. It has all the trimmings to satiate our palate: pickled passion, saucy sex, onion breath oration, cheesy crimes, garlic greed, tomato treaties and lettuce laced legalities all on a sesame seed bun. Yes, all the trimmings that make things taste good. But, what is going to relieve our hunger? Where's the beef?

When the beef is hidden somewhere in our burger glop, we turn to a group of people called philosophers to find it. Usually, they deliver some sort of metaphysical jargon as to its location while the rest of us nod in agreement having no idea what they are talking about. That's why I love election year. Everybody claims to talk about something that is nothing that everybody else claims to understand and nobody knows what is going on. Then we vote on the best one.

There is one philosopher on the market who has a real beef. It is

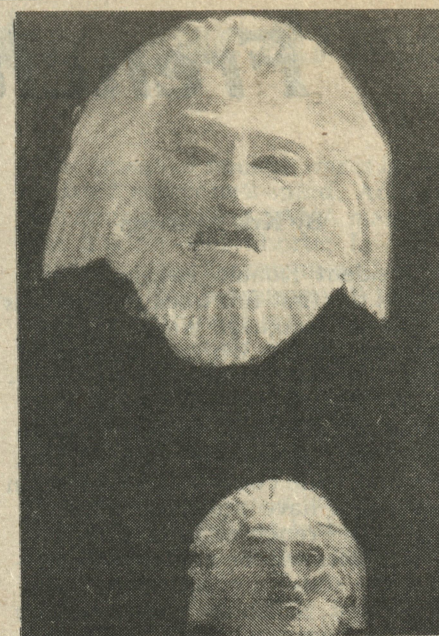
a beef of despair because the patty is so big and fat that we could burn our nose on it, but we still don't see it. He is Edward Abbey, his beef is our great Mother Earth, and his book is *Down the River*.

Down the River is a book of thoughts: thoughts of a man running a river soon to be dammed (or damned) for the benefit (or demise) of the progress (or regress) of Man; thoughts of a man whose land is being invaded by bombs to protect it; thoughts of a man watching society cut its own artery to the heart, to the wilderness. Thoreau said that men "lead quiet lives of desperation." Abbey hits 110 decibels in his lonely, cold cry from deep in some valley, Anywhere, U.S.A.

Here is the new and improved Mark Twain of the '70s and '80s. Abbey's biting satire is so funny I found myself angry with laughter. Just as it is ironic that I laugh at the horrifying aberration of society's handling of wilderness, it is ironic that society demolishes its most basic source of food for the body and mind. The beef is on a platter right in front of us, and we keep chopping it up trying to find it.

Down the River isn't the best thing Abbey has written. At times I felt like it was his excuse to publish some things he couldn't publish elsewhere. For example, the book review and tales of a friend he calls Debris would make better stories by a lazy campfire. But good outweighs bad in this book, and it won't hurt if you skip those chapters.

If you are looking for the beef, read Abbey. He'll make you laugh in these sad times. *Abbey's Road* and *Desert Solitaire*, probably his two best, are in the SSC bookstore for about \$7.



Did you ever look in a mirror and wish you had a mask to put on? Well, you can have that chance when Dr. Andrew Hepburn conducts a mask workshop on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the dance studio of Maggs Gym. The workshop involves using masks in acting, in much the same way as Greek actors did in their ancient theatres, and everyone is invited to attend. Who says you have to wait until Halloween to wear a mask? Join Dr. Hepburn in this classical form of expression and find a new you!

From the Health Center: Suicide Information

Suicide or attempted suicide affects the lives of many people—among them, classmates, friends, teachers, family, health-care providers. Feelings of frustration and helplessness, commonly experienced in the aftermath of a suicide attempt, have prompted the Health Center Staff to prepare a bookmark about Suicide for distribution throughout the campus. The bookmark provides information about recognizing symptoms and where to seek help, which may be useful to everyone involved with the SSC campus community.

What is Suicide?

It's the deliberate taking of one's own life.

Why Should I know about Suicide?

Anyone can help a person considering suicide.

Why do people commit Suicide?

Because their problems seem overwhelming. They may use descriptions like, "There's no light at the end of the tunnel." Suicide/suicide attempts are reactions to intense feelings of loneliness, worthlessness and despair.

Who commits Suicide?

All kinds of people—young, old, rich, poor, males and females of all races and creeds. Sadly, the highest number is among young people ages 20-24.

How can I tell if someone is considering Suicide?

Be alert to these danger signals:

1. Changes in personality or behavior—failure to attend or participate in classes or usual activities, changes in grooming, unusual sexual activity, changes in weight, appetite or sleep habits.
2. Preparations for acquiring means to commit suicide—gun, pills, rope, etc.
3. Sudden lift in spirits—person may have sudden apparent improvement in mood because he reached a decision "to solve problems" via suicide.

Ways to Help:

1. If you are concerned that an individual is in imminent

danger of causing harm to him/herself, please call for professional, confidential assistance:

SSC Counseling Services, 543-6070
SSC Health Center, 543-6262
SSC Public Safety, 543-6222
Office of Student Affairs, 543-6080
Wicomico County Mental Hygiene Clinic, 742-9318
Genesis Hotline, 543-6199
Life Crisis Center, 749-HELP
Catholic Social Services, 749-1121
Peninsula General Hospital Medical Center, 546-6400, Ext. 444.

2. Give emotional support.

3. Have someone stay with the person until help is available; take his/her threats seriously.



The Nighthawks are a very special band. They play a brand of music that combines the feeling and instrumental subtlety of traditional blues with the energy and dynamic live performances of blues-rock. The Nighthawks have gone directly to the sources, playing older bluesmen like Muddy Waters, B.B. King, James Cotton, Otis Rush and J.B. Hutto, to name just a few. They've recorded several records, the best known of which probably is *Jacks and Kings*, which includes a performance by the Muddy Waters Blues Band.

The Nighthawks are Wenner on harp, Jimmy Thackery on guitar, Jan Zukowski on bass and Pete Ragusa on drums. The Nighthawks have been on the road for 11 years. If you are ready for a really good time, definitely see Nighthawks on Thursday March 22 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Holloway Hall.



Linda Cockey prepares for her April 8 piano recital in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. Classical favorites are slated for performance.

Photo by Al Wyllie

ENTERTAINMENT

French Week

By Kris Nystrom

President Ronald Reagan designated the first full week in March as National Language Week. Enhancing this, Arlene White, president of the American Association of Teachers of French, Gladys Lipton, past president of the Maryland Foreign Language Association and Anne Beusch, state coordinator of foreign languages have proclaimed March 18-24 as French week in Maryland.

Activities will be held all throughout the state in conjunction with this event. Salisbury State College's efforts began with 24 students attending a reception in the Officers Club at the Annapolis Naval Academy on March 18. "It was open to anyone interested in French language and culture and was attended by the French Ambassador, Consuls of French speaking countries and cultural attache from all over the state."

Here on campus a variety of activities have been scheduled. There is a modern language exhibit in the Blackwell Library including books and illustrations of French culture. On Tuesday, March 20, a film *Cher Inspecteur*, with Philippe Moiret and Arnie Giradot, was scheduled

in the College Center. The movie comically illustrated contemporary French society.

An annual event at SSC, French/German Language Day, will be held today, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 300 area High School students of language are being bused in for this special event. In addition to a French and German buffet in the Dining Hall there will be foreign language computer games, a German puppet show, dance, skits, and movies for their entertainment. Gerald St. Martin, associate professor of modern languages, will give a French dissertation on "Baudelaire et Vautrin: Etude de Mal," in the Chesapeake Room of the College center at 7:30 p.m. This will be a discourse in French on evil in 19th century fiction.

"Language is an important study," reflected White, "considering the state of world affairs." For this reason, all events are open to the college campus. For most of us, getting to France is an expensive adventure. Here we have the grand opportunity of France coming to us.

Spring Break Go To . . . !

By Kris Nystrom

Every year, about half way through the Spring semester, we have the opportunity to skip classes without any consequence. It's our Spring Break. The week after that everybody asks everybody else what they did last week. I call this Spring Break Revisited. During Spring Break Revisited we hear all sorts of tales about drunken stupors, wild women, gorgeous hunks and police intervention. Two phrases typify Spring Break Revisited: either "It was great!" or "What a bore." I thought that this year I might try to find out what people were planning so that we might all have the chance, if we so choose, to say "it was great!" when we get back.

For example, the Outdoor Club is planning to canoe the Okefenokee Swamp and the Swannee River. That sounds like it would be an "It was great!" trip. It is only costing students \$35.

Going south is traditionally the ideal for Spring Break. Florida is Spring Break Heaven. Travel agencies like RRB's Travel Turf, Inc. capitalize on this by offering unbeatable deals to college students. I spoke with travel agent Charlene Mest about the brochures hanging all over the campus offering a week in Ft. Lauderdale—airfare, hotel, party passes to a local joint, a paddlewheel cruise and taxes and gratuities—for as little as \$199. It shows a pair of sunglasses reflecting surfers and a bunch of bikini-clad girls with a likeness to the Playboy Bunnies immersed in a wild party on a sunny beach. Needless to say I had a difficult time reading the fine print with this distraction, hence the phone call. But it is all true. And there are still some openings, but expect to pay a \$30 late registration fee.

There are other ways of getting to Florida. Carpooling is common, and one may find the Destination Board in the College Center a great help. One student, Dan Heinecke, will take you anywhere in Florida for \$50.

Hitchhiking, however, is always a last resort favorite for those desperate individuals.

Florida seems to be such a luxury for college students, though. Even with all the hype, I couldn't help but be skeptical of that many heading for tan-land. So I took a poll of fifty students at random in the college center. Here's what I found: Only 12.5% are going to Florida: half of them to Ft. Lauderdale. Most of them are going home—about 68%. 35% are after money, 52% plan to drink. Only 28% plan on doing their homework. 60% of them are using Spring Break to escape pressures. There is an even split between the sexes as to who is going to pick up guys or girls during the break. In other words, if you plan to "nab a honey," there should be one for you, somewhere.

Six students admitted that their parents didn't know what they were doing, so they sound like the best bet. If you really want to get serious, one girl reported that she was going to the Caribbean to find a guy, marry him and never leave. Her parents don't know that either.

Answers most common to the question as to why they were going where they were going were to rest, visit the family, and party. One guy said he wanted to get away from his girlfriend—he also said he was going to try to pick up girls. But at other girl reflected the same thing. I think that those two had better have a talk.

After tabulation of this poll, I have come up with a few suggestions that might make your Spring Break Revisited an "It was great!" one.

- If you want to drink, go home.
- If you want to escape pressures, go home.
- If you want to pick up guys or girls, go home.
- If you want to make money, go home.
- If you want to make money, drink, escape pressures and pick up guys or girls, go home and set up a bar.
- If you want to do homework, go to Florida.

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FEATURES

Concerned Students, Faculty Oppose Nuclear Arms

By Mary Ellen Larson

The threat of a nuclear war concerns most people and frightens many others. Arguments against the use of nuclear arms, including presidential election campaigns, are fueled by this concern. Some individuals at SSC share this concern and have decided to do something about it.

Students Against Nuclear Arms (SANA) was started by Beverly Shaffer and Lisa Shortt who saw the need for a student organization which could be a forum for students who recognize the danger of nuclear weapons. "We're taking a political approach, not a radical approach, to making SSC a nuclear free zone," said Shaffer, president of the group. A nuclear free zone is a place that has been declared off limits for the nuclear arms race and is free from the making and handling of nuclear weapons.

SANA plans to sponsor various activities to increase involvement in the stand against nuclear arms. Movies, formal debates and programs for area schools, it is hoped, will help to make people aware of the problem. For information on SANA look for their information tables in the College Center Thursday March 22 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At a SANA meeting March 15, James M. Welsh, assistant professor of English and film critic for WBOC in Salisbury, talked to the group about the film industry's role in the nuclear war issue. Important films have been made, Welsh said,

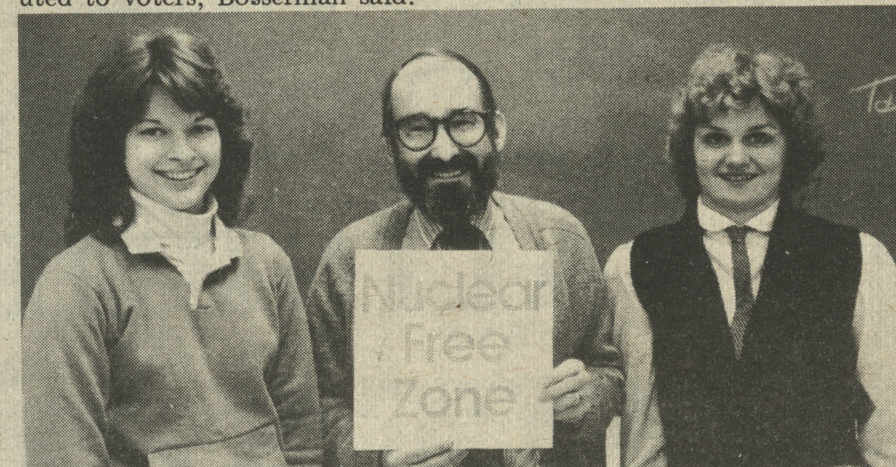
but only a few have reached the public. One that did receive national attention was *The Day After*. Welsh spoke to the SANA group about one such important film which did not get the support it deserved. Welsh cited the filmmaker and director, Peter Watkins, whose 1982 project, *The Nuclear War Film*, collapsed when England declined financial support. The film is now being re-established with an international appeal for funds. Said Welsh, "In this film, Watkins plans to concentrate on the people issue of nuclear war."

Welsh described Watkins's feelings of his film's initial failure to the SANA group. In a statement following the collapse of his project in England, Watkins blamed the lack of support on a "fear of commitment." In his statement, Watkins said, "I have been dealing with the attitudes (i.e., the indifference) of the British film establishment towards the subject of nuclear war, but this indifference is a very universal problem...."

Charles P. Bosserman, professor of sociology and anthropology at SSC, also present at the SANA meeting, is a member of the Lower Shore Nuclear Disarmament League, Salisbury's organized involvement in the nuclear issue. The League, a chapter of the Maryland Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze based in Baltimore works informally with SANA. Bosserman said, "SANA is the student organization seeking the same goals." The chapter was spearheaded by two other SSC

faculty members, Gregory Cashman, assistant professor of political science and Michael O'Loughlin, instructor of history/political science.

The current goal of the League is to get the city and county to establish this area as a nuclear free zone by presenting the councils with signed petitions. According to Bosserman, the petition is filling up with signatures. Among the activities designed to involve and educate the community, the league distributes literature in various public locations and has established a speaker's bureau to spread their message to other groups in the community, such as school parent-teacher associations. One major objective of the League is to register voters who will vote only for candidates who support a nuclear freeze. Information on candidates at all levels of government is distributed to voters, Bosserman said.



Lisa Shortt, Professor Bosserman and Beverly Shaffer wish to declare SSC a Nuclear Free Zone.
photo by Al Wyllie

SANA's Aims

The start of each semester brings the beginning of new and valuable learning.

Some will learn more in the classrooms, some in the dorms, some in athletics, some in other social settings. The urge to learn stems from what an individual feels will benefit him the most in life.

Students Against Nuclear Arms, (SANA) have a lot of learning for the students and faculty at SSC.

Several hundred doctors and scientists recently presented these following warnings to President Reagan and to the U.S.S.R. after becoming extremely alarmed by an international climate that, "increasingly presents nuclear war as a rational possibility."

1. Nuclear war, even a "limited one" would result in death, injury and disease on a scale that has no precedent in the history of the human race.

2. There is no effective civil defense. The blast, thermal, and radiation effects would kill even those in shelters, and fallout would reach those who had been evacuated.

3. Recovery from a nuclear war would be impossible.

4. The total explosive force of the

combined nuclear arsenals of both U.S. and U.S.S.R. is already equal to 2 1/2 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth.

So now you say, "What about our national security against the U.S.S.R.?"

There is just no security at all in this nuclear period. There is no defense against nuclear weapons. Both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are ruined if an all-out nuclear war occurs.

This is not to say that threats posed by the Soviet Union are to be ignored, nor are the fears and distrust on both sides, which have built over the years, unfounded, but it does mean that a race for nuclear superiority between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is a race in the WRONG DIRECTION.

The answer of national security is to reverse the nuclear arms race, but that cannot be done without first calling it to a halt.

A freeze is the answer. A freeze is simply an agreement to stop. Specifically, both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. should adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver

nuclear weapons. This is an essential, verifiable first step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war and reducing the nuclear arsenals.

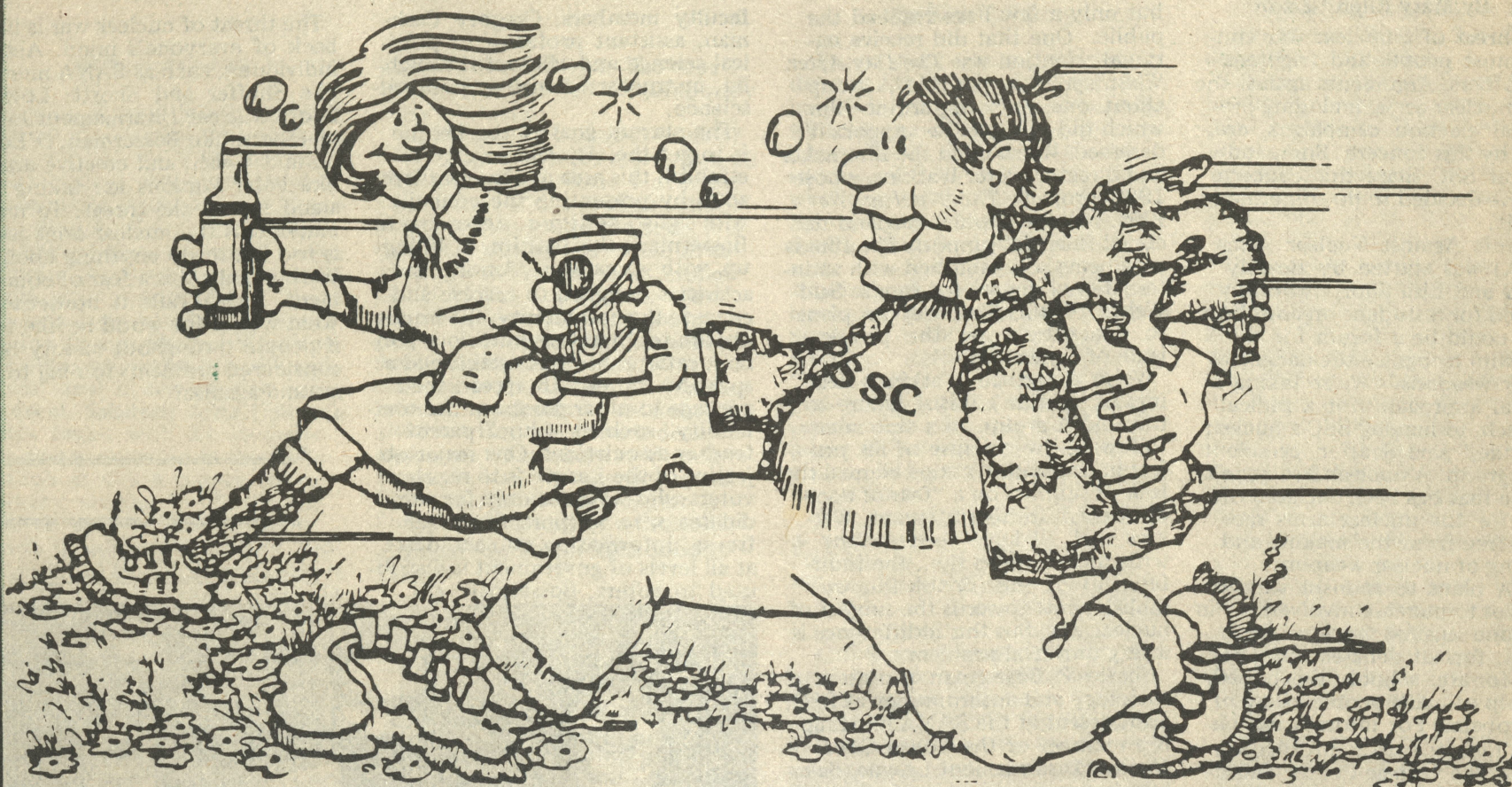
SANA, here on the SSC campus, is not yet in position to conquer the world with this idea, but we can work on a local level. We need to have SSC declared a nuclear free zone, then Wicomico county and Salisbury, etc. We are the new found group on SSC who would like to continue the work of all the other colleges and nuclear free zones throughout the country to contribute to the continuation of the human race.

We are concerned with our future, and the future of our children. Everyone who is concerned with the probability of a nuclear war should attend our meeting. Those of you who are not, will be, after our group aims towards educating Salisbury State campus. Then, you too will want to join.

Some of our goals include:

1. Co-ordinate with the local chapter to have SSC declared a nuclear free zone.
2. Help to make Salisbury and Wicomico County a nuclear free zone.
3. Make all students and faculty

The threat of nuclear war is in the back of everyone's mind. Active individuals, such as SANA members like Shaffer and Shortt; Lower Shore Nuclear Disarmament League members, like Bosserman, O'Loughlin and Welsh; and creative artists like Peter Watkins are taking a stand against the threat. To many individuals the nuclear arms issue is too big to do anything about. Watkins calls this a fear of commitment. Welsh calls it nonsense. What would the world be like today if people throughout history had considered problems too big to take a stand against?



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